

August



25th anniversary
Windmill Park Jewelers celebrated 25 years in business on June 10 and rolled out the red carpet for a newly renovated store, which reopened in August. In the photo are (front) owner Sharon Foughty and (back) Scott Amsberry, store manager and bench jeweler. (Photo by Sarah Weber)

Sheriff retires

After 18 years as Sioux County Sheriff, Dan Altena retired at the end of August. After stints as an officer in Orange City and Sioux Center, Altena worked as an officer for Sioux County. In 2003 Altena ran for sheriff and was elected in 2004. He retired after 43 years of service in law enforcement and ran for election for the Sioux County Board of Supervisors. (Photo submitted)



Mission reaches two-million mark

Jessica Bruinsma holds a plaque recognizing more than \$2 million donated from the Orange City Bibles For Missions store since its beginnings 15 years ago for Mission since its opening in 2007. Pictured in August, from left, are Chaney Rader, regional field director, Jean Bilda, country director for Bible League Haiti, Bruinsma, regional director, Connie Duistermars, local vice chairperson and John Kooiman, local chairperson. (Photo submitted)



State-of-the-art imaging

Representatives from G.E. joined Orange City Area Health System radiology staff for a ribbon cutting of the hospital's new Signa Voyager MRI system on August 3 in the health system's Imaging Center. OCAHS is the first hospital/health system in northwest Iowa to implement this latest technology in magnetic resonance imaging. From left are Dan Foster, GE MRI regional sales manager, Dr. Jameson Guthmiller, OCAHS radiologist, Ryan Warnke, OCAHS ancillary services director, Jenny Campbell, OCAHS imaging department manager, Lisa De Groot, OCAHS lead MRI tech, Diane Sand, OCAHS MRI technologist, and Josh Mages, GE account manager for OCAHS. (Photo submitted)

September



Alert driver saves dogs

Quick thinking this summer saved two dogs, thanks to UPS driver Colin Mitchell. Pictured left to right are Reba Marra, Colin Mitchell, Jeff Marra, and in front dogs Groot and Remi. Mitchell spotted the dogs trapped in the Marra's pool in Ireton and rescued them. (Photo by Sarah Weber)



4-H Hall of Fame

Cheryl Heronemus of Sioux County was inducted into the 4-H Iowa Hall of Fame on August 23 during a ceremony hosted by the Iowa 4-H Foundation at the Iowa State Fair. Heronemus served the 4-H program for 45 years, first as Sioux County Youth Coordinator, then as Iowa State University Extension Sioux County director, lastly as Iowa State University Extension and Outreach regional director. (Photo submitted)



Appointed sheriff

After a unanimous resolution by the Sioux County Supervisors, Jamie Van Voorst was appointed Sioux County Sheriff on Thursday, Sept. 1. The board room was full with a crowd of onlookers (photo below), those attending gathered in the courtroom for the official swearing in (photo above). Jamie Van Voorst will complete the term of Dan Altena, who retired mid-term on August 31. Third Judicial District Chief Judge Patrick Tott administered the oath of office at the swearing in. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)

October



Qualifying Dutch teams

Representing MOC-Floyd Valley at the Iowa High School Cross Country Championships were the athletes shown here. Both boys and girls teams qualified for the state run on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge. Pictured (back row, from left) Micah Schmidt, Isaiah Hulshof, Micah DeYoung, Trevor Mirande, Aryana Dokter, Teagan Tracy, Rachel Haverdink, Elin Van Der Werff (front row, from left) Coach Todd Te Grotenhuis, runners Thatcher Doughan, Ian Van Der Werff, Nathan Anderson, Biyanca Dokter, Olyvia Bahrke, Sarah May and Coach Doug De Zeeuw. (Photo by Marlene De Zeeuw)



Girls' wrestling takes off

The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Board of Directors voted unanimously in January to sanction girls wrestling as the organization's 11th sport. MOC-Floyd Valley sent its first female wrestler to the IWCOA Girls State Wrestling Tournament in 2022 and, starting with the 2022/2023 season, has 16 committed female wrestlers for the high school team. (Photo submitted)



Plants 15,000th tulip

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley, Iowa Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, and State Senator Randy Feenstra, made a stop in Sioux County to take in the tulip planting while on the campaign trail. Reynolds planted the 15,000th tulip in the beds at Windmill Park in Orange City. The governor appeared as town volunteers planted tulips in the park for the 2023 season and festival. (Photo courtesy of Governor Reynolds campaign page)



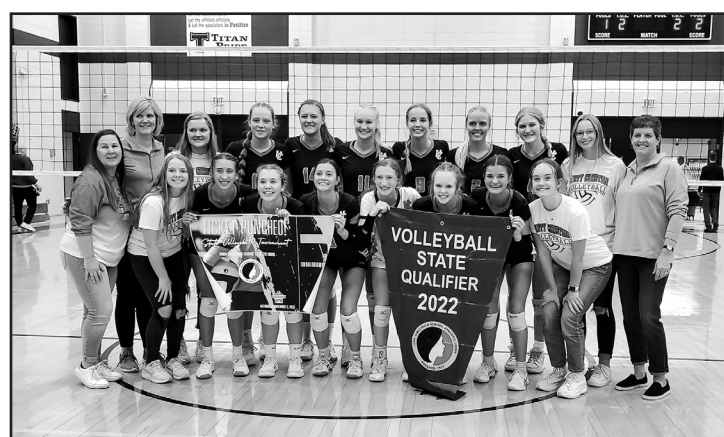
Field fundraising went public

The call went out in October to raise funds for the enhancement of new athletic fields adjacent to the MOC-Floyd Valley Elementary School under construction. Original plans for simple baseball, softball and football fields were modified to include a regulation-size track surrounding a turf football field, also incorporating a soccer practice field. The football field will have a bleacher set and press box. The baseball and softball fields will have bleachers, a press box, covered dugouts and batting cages. All three fields will have scoreboards. A storage building, concession stand, and public restrooms are also part of the plan. Also planned is the infrastructure for lights when funds are available. Recreation departments of Orange City and Alton and club-team sports will be able to use the fields, the Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band, as well as the community at large. Fund-raising goals top out at \$4.8 million. (Illustration submitted)



Recreation donation

On Friday, Oct. 28, Orange City Parks and Recreation Director Mitch Aalbers, Roy Nielsen III and Beth Mulder of the Alton Recreation Board (from left) gathered to survey one of the installations of six Jox Boxes at Veteran's Park in Orange City Nielsen .donated \$31,500 to improve recreation facilities in Alton and Orange City, including a portable pitching mound and a sprinkler system for the playing fields in Vets Park in Orange City. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)



Headed to state play

Unity Christian volleyball returned to the 2022 Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union state volleyball tournament with a 3-1 win over Nevada on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at South Central Calhoun Middle School in the Class 3A, Region Two championship game. (Photo by Pam Harskamp)